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## THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY

Thammasat University, the second oldest university in Thailand, is one of the most prestigious universities in the country with its fine reputation in the field of social science.

Established by the Thammasat University Act in 1933, the university was inaugurated on June 27, 1934 as an open university with the objective of propagating the study of Law and Politics to people at large. The university was then named "Thammasat Lae Karn Muang"--literally, "The University of Moral Science and Politics." By 1949, there were four major fields of study; namely, Law, Commerce and Accountancy, Political Science & Diplomacy, and Economics. In 1952, the name was changed to THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY. Two years later, the fields of Social Work and Journalism were added. In 1952, the Faculty of Liberal Arts was founded.

The year 1986 brought several changes to the University. The new campus site at Rangsit, 50 kilometers from the main campus, was opened to new students. Currently all first year classes are held there. Also newly established and situated on the new campus site are the Faculty of Science and Technology, the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Medicine, Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, the Faculty of Nursing, the Faculty of Dentistry and the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

Presently, Thammasat University has fifteen faculties and one institute: Law, Commerce and Accountancy, Political Science, Economics, Journalism and Mass Communication, Liberal Arts, Science and Technology, Social Administration, Sociology and Anthropology, Engineering, Medicine, Allied Health Sciences, Nursing, Dentistry and Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology.

Apart from the regular undergraduate programs, Thammasat university offers international programs taught in English in the Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy, Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Engineering.

It brings in diversified students from various schools, both local and abroad. This marks a stepping stone for internationalization in education in the country.

Thammasat University also offers graduate programs leading to master's degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Marketing, Economics, Law, History, Library Science, Mass Communication, Political Science, Social Administration, Anthropology, Thai Linguistics, Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Applied Statistics, Community Development, English Language and Literature, English for Careers, Teaching English as a Foreign Language and Engineering. Some programs are conducted in English.

In 1991, Thammasat University launched a doctoral program in Business Administration, a joint-venture program between Thammasat University, Chulalongkorn University and the National Institute of Development Administration, financed by CIDA and The Association of Deans of East Asian Graduate Schools of Management.

Thammasat University has four institutes whose responsibilities are predominantly research work. These are the Thai Khadi Research Institute, the Human Resources Institute, the Information Processing Institute for Education and Development, and the East Asian Studies Institute.

Having started out as a law school, Thammasat University has gradually expanded academically to offer courses in Social Sciences, Humanities and Sciences with the aim of providing higher education in the fields that are pertinent to social needs and to promote research and Thai culture.

## THE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The LANGUAGE INSTITUTE of THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY (LITU) was officially established as a separate institution on December 27, 1985. It enjoys the same status as that of a faculty.

The principal responsibilities of the LANGUAGE INSTITUTE are to provide English courses to meet the needs of both undergraduate and graduate students at all levels from any faculty or department of the University.

Among courses offered are:

1. Fundamental English courses for freshmen
2. English for specific purposes courses for second to fourth year students
3. Remedial English courses for graduate students
4. Graduate Programs of English for Careers and Teaching English as a Foreign Language
5. English refresher courses for Thammasat University personnel and other government and private agencies
6. English courses for the general public

Apart from the above courses, the LANGUAGE INSTITUTE undertakes, upon request, English proficiency tests for officials and personnel of some government and private agencies.

The LANGUAGE INSTITUTE is located at The English Center, Tha Phrachan Campus, Bangkok, 10200.



## **Language Institute Thammasat University**

- ◆ *Graduate Diploma Program in English for Careers*
- ◆ *Graduate Diploma Program in Teaching English as a Foreign Language*
- ◆ *Master of Arts Program in English for Careers*
- ◆ *Master of Arts Program in Teaching English as a Foreign Language*

### **Admission Requirements**

1. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent in any field of study from local or foreign institutions which are recognized by the Thammasat University Council.
2. Applicants must meet the requirements of Thammasat University's Graduate School under the Graduate Diploma Programs Regulations.
3. Applicants must successfully pass an English language entrance examination and an interview in English.
4. Applicants must have a valid Thammasat University Graduate English Test (TU-GET) score, TOEFL, IELTS, or TU 005-TU 006.

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| Application period:        | November   |
| Written examination:       | March      |
| Result announcement:       | Early May  |
| Interviews:                | Mid-May    |
| Final result announcement: | End of May |

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